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The Illinois State Library Map Collection



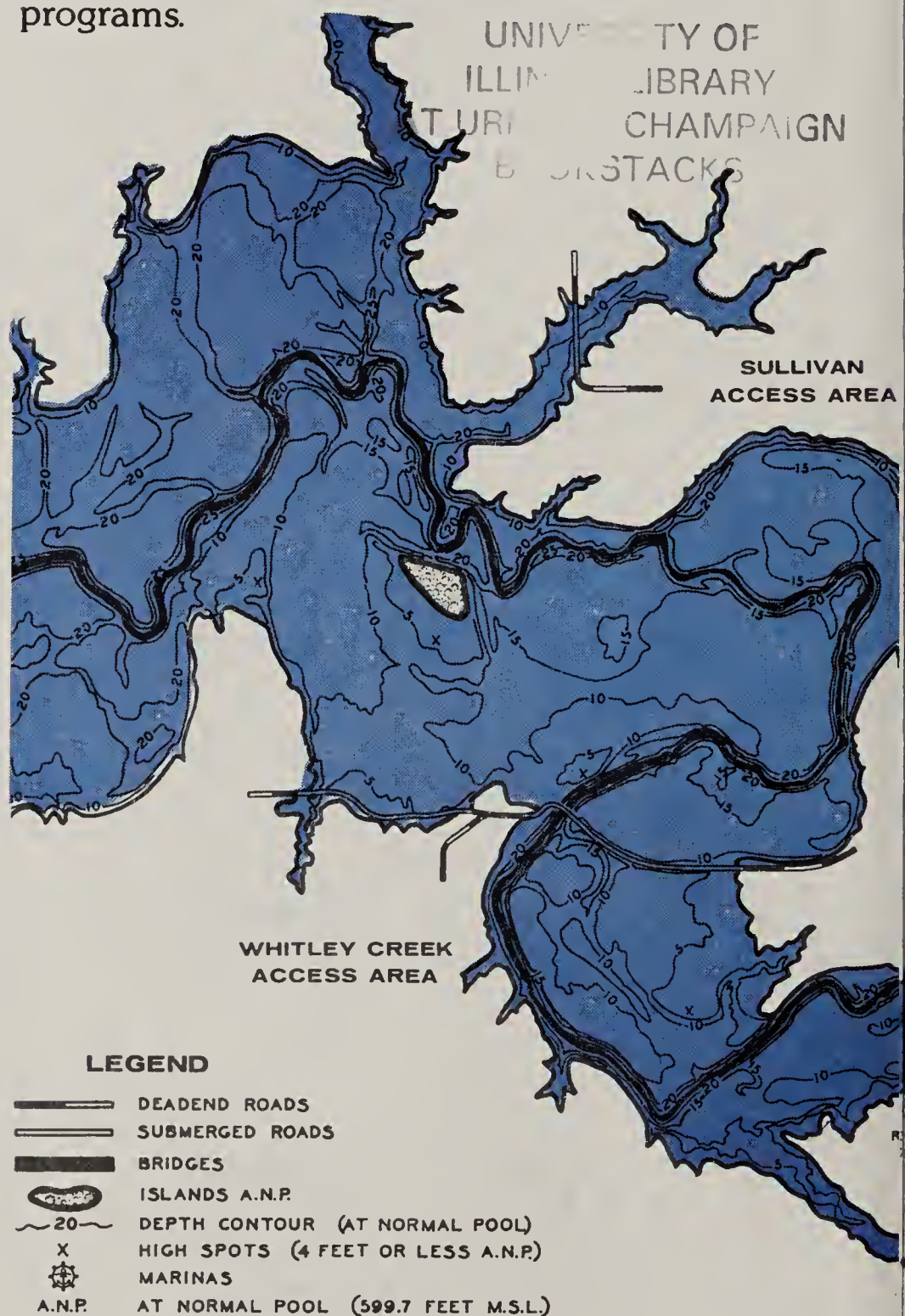
1855 Illinois Map

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The Illinois State Library has two basic responsibilities: to serve as a research library for state government and to coordinate the statewide network (ILLINET) of over 2,500 academic, public, school and special libraries. To fulfill these roles, the Illinois State Library has acquired a significant collection consisting predominantly of Illinois maps. Other outstanding map collections in the state give patrons access to maps not found in the Illinois State Library collection.

Most of the 100,000 maps in the Illinois State Library collection are received through depository programs.



Section of Lake Shelbyville map used by fish

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Illinois Maps

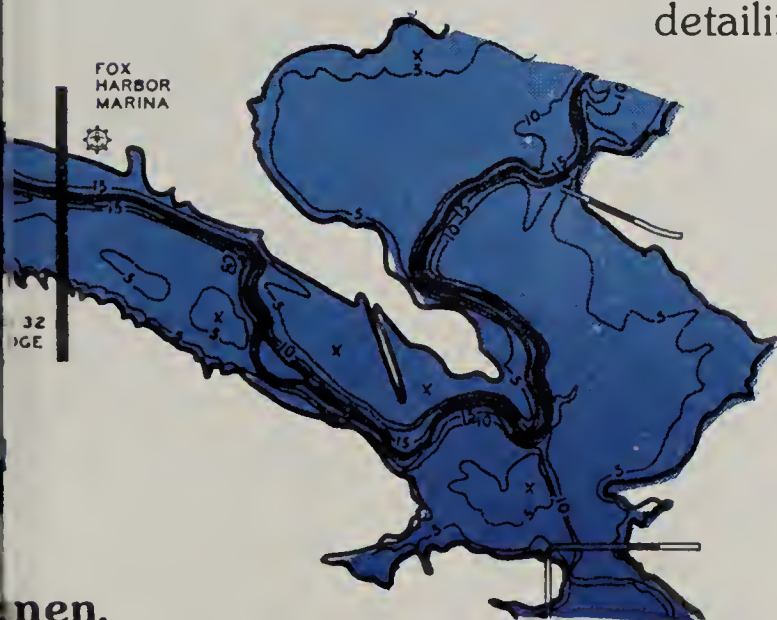
The Illinois State Library has a strong collection of 19th and 20th century plat books and maps, which delineate properties within counties. The library also has a collection of historical maps, including Tanner's 1833 Illinois map and David Burr's 1834 Illinois map. Other special interest maps include coal mine subsidence, land use, and tax and election district maps. Patrons may also be interested in flood-prone area maps for cities and towns throughout the state.

Other interesting Illinois collections include: county highway maps from 1937 to the present; official state highway maps from 1921 to the present; wall maps; city and town street maps; mineral resource maps; geologic maps; and prime farmland maps for some Illinois counties. The Illinois State Library also makes available outline maps for patrons who want to draw in specific geographic highlights.

U.S. and Foreign Maps

The U.S. Census materials in the Illinois State Library collection represent a vast store of information. Block statistics maps provide interesting detail on the smallest geographic subdivision for the census, the city block. These maps are available for all Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas in the nation.

Enumeration District maps, detailing the smallest statistical area for less populated sections of the country, are also available for Illinois.



COLLECTION

In addition to census map products, the U.S. and foreign map collection at the Illinois State Library includes: U.S. national forest maps; current U.S. state highway maps; navigation charts; U.S. soil surveys; small-scale maps of foreign countries; congressional maps; U.S. Geological Survey folios; U.S. topographic maps for all states; and National Geographic magazine maps.

Atlases, Gazetteers and Carto-bibliographies

These and other reference books support the sheet map collection.

Atlases – Groups of maps bound in book format:

- General world atlases
- Historical atlases
- “Historical Atlas of the United States Congressional Districts”
- “Historical U.S. County Outline Map Collection 1840-1980”
- Illinois atlases
- “Rand McNally Commercial Atlas and Marketing Guide”
- “National Atlas of the United States of America”
- Road atlases
- Selected foreign national atlases
- Selected military atlases
- Thematic atlases for states
- “Township Atlas of the United States”
- 1922 “Times Atlas of the World”

Gazetteers – Dictionaries of geographical place-names, such as towns, mountains, and rivers, listing location, history and other information:

- “A Gazetteer of Illinois” (1837)
- “Bibliography of Place-Name Literature”
- Gazetteers for many states
- “Ghost Towns of Southern Illinois”
- “Illinois Geographic Names Alphabetical Finding List”
- “Illinois: Guide and Gazetteer”
- “Illinois Place Names”
- “Indian Place Names in Illinois”
- U.S. Board on Geographic Names gazetteers for most foreign countries

Carto-bibliographies – Bibliographies listing maps and atlases:

“Bibliographic Guide to Maps and Atlases”

“Checklist of Printed Maps of the Middle West to 1900”

“Current Geographical Publications”

“Fire Insurance Maps in the Library of Congress”

“GEOKATALOG”

“Guide to USGS Geologic and Hydrologic Maps”

“Index to Maps in Books and Periodicals”

“Mapping the Trans-Mississippi West, 1540-1861”

“National Union Catalog: Cartographic Materials”
New York Public Library/Map Division catalog

“Research Catalog of Maps of America to 1860 in the William L. Clements Library”

“United States Atlases”

University of Illinois/Map and Geography Library catalog

“Views and Viewmakers of Urban America”

Other Reference Books

“Guide to Cartographic Records in the National Archives”

“Index of State Geological Survey Publications in Series”

“Kister’s Atlas Buying Guide”

Publishers’ catalogs for patron orders

“Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide”

“Union List of Geologic Field Trip Guidebooks”



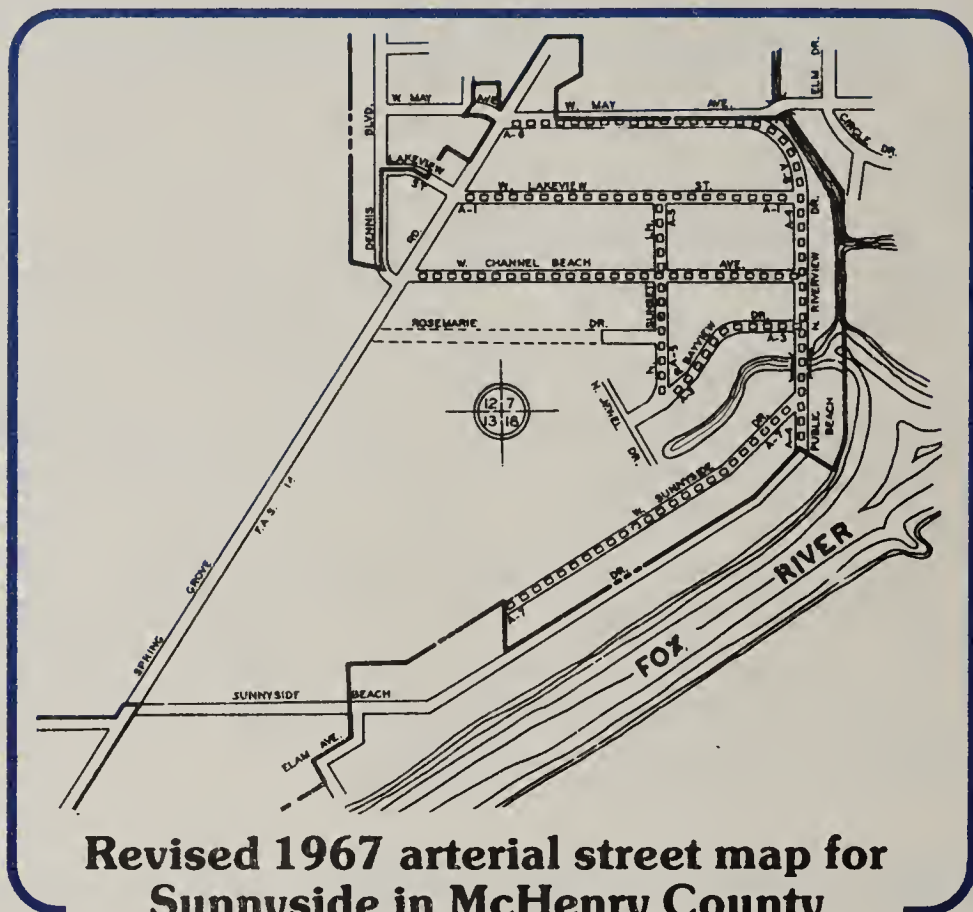
Revised 1974 map of flood-prone areas around Amboy, Illinois



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Circulation Policy

Maps are circulated to state government employees. The general public may borrow the maps on interlibrary loan through their local libraries. Designated reference materials or archival copies of Illinois documents do not circulate, but copies may be sent in lieu of loans.



**Revised 1967 arterial street map for
Sunnyside in McHenry County**

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